

# THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE OF LIFE WILL NOT DO; WHERE IS THE REAL REMEDY?

A GAIN it has been proved that it can't be done. The eternal triangle is a figure that has no place in the symmetry of love.

There is an old proverb which says: "He who chases two rabbits catches neither." In the case of women, this proverb might be perverted to read: "He who chases two women catches neither."

Without any reference to the guilt or innocence of the persons who figured in the unfortunate shooting at Columbus last Monday morning, the same old triangle is there. It is only safe to "love your neighbor" when the neighbor is of the same sex.

As unfortunate and as regrettable as divorce is, it is admittedly better than what happened in Columbus. When love dies there is no funeral, as a rule, but the corpse is left in the house. There is a safer, saner, kinder way. There is a way that does not take any victim that which can never be restored. There is a way that does not leave orphans and fill prisons and shock communities with the expense of lurid scandal.

Our most sacred institution on which society is built and must rest if it is to endure is crumbling, it sometimes seems. Flats, poodle dogs, butterfly wives who prefer fine clothes and motor rides are partly to blame. Men who love the dollar above everything else; who cannot control themselves and who believe they have a right to pursue every pretty face and figure, are partly to blame and the thoughtless, silly women who get their pleasant thrills from the smiles of another woman's husband add the third angle to the situation.

What can be done? "The law," it is cried, "invoke the law." Certainly, invoke the law. But more than law is needed. It will take some kind of a readjustment of our social affairs if we are to save the blood and honor of future children. It will take education. It will take the oldtime religion. It will take a return to the fireside from the cabaret and a return to the family circle from the joy ride. It will take thoughtful husbands and fathers who know patient, kindly women who are glad to rear babies and make and keep a home.

It will take bearing and forbearance of men and women of days when love was young and age had not marred beauty.

Perhaps it is too easy to get married in the United States. A man and a maid may meet, as it is now, and marry in an hour, when it takes a constant association of months to determine the character of any person. And certainly as much time should be given to the cultivation of a mate for life as is given to the formation of a friendship or a business partnership.

If we could compel a couple to wait for a year after announcing their engagement before they wed, both would have time to meet a large assortment of reckless women vampires and gay, deceiving men in that time and if their love remained steadfast it would be a safe assumption that it would stand the trials of after years when they had more in common to keep them united.

Meantime, a tear of charity may be shed for those at Columbus who filtered and fell and found, as countless others have found in the past, that "it can't be done."

## A Popular Appointment.

AN excellent selection has been made by the Republicans in the appointment of Col. R. E. Twitchell of Santa Fe recently as chairman for New Mexico of the finance department of the Republican national committee. Many New Mexico newspapers share this opinion. Among them is the Albuquerque Morning Journal, which says:

"The appointment of Col. R. E. Twitchell insures the dissemination of a brand of Republican enthusiasm which is guaranty of success in the work laid out for the colonel. No man in the state would meet with less antagonism or possess the confidence of all citizens to a greater degree. Colonel Twitchell is essentially an organizer and is thoroughly conversant with the need which is at this time paramount in this state—as in all others in the nation—the return of the Republican party to full control of the business policies of the country."

In one highly important respect the Republicans differ from the Democrats in the appointments they make in the southwest. The Republicans nearly always make appointments that are logical and popular. The Democrats seem to be less particular, whether it be in the naming of men to diplomatic posts or in handing out campaign assignments.

Those New England towns which recently voted wet, give an insight into human nature. As long as they had a right to decide whether they should be wet or dry, they voted wet. When the government took away that power, they vote wet with one accord.

It is to be hoped among the Democrats that California's example will inspire many other states to go Democratic this year in the hope that they will land the next Democratic convention.

An Indiana man was burned to death as a result of smoking in bed, which might be used as an argument against the use of tobacco, or of beds.

The wolf that used to hang around the door is not only dead but the working man is using his skin for a library rug.

If they will add cabaret to the church movies and charge admission, full houses would be permanently assured.

When Nature freezes up all of the fruit trees it looks like she didn't know her business.

What have become of all of the little nations we were told we were fighting for?

And now the penalty of being captured by Mexicans is controversial.

Blushing is the color of virtue.

—Maurice Henry.

## Little Interviews.

### Thinks American Politicians Amusing To European People Working Man Wants Experts To Figure Out His "Profits"

IT MUST be very amusing to European people to read about our burlesque government at Washington," said the Hon. J. H. Wilson, president of the League of Nations, when he was asked to explain the League of Nations to a group of European people. "One of the things that is amusing to them is the fact that the American people are so easily deceived by the politicians who are in power here."

When one thinks the matter over, he cannot but see how the League of Nations is delaying the most vital thing in the world while power is being used to reflect credit in this nation. Surely, neither congress nor president Wilson can agree any treaty or document that remains as inflexible as the laws of the Medes and Persians. They know that the League of Nations is a human project.

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## When A Feller Needs A Friend

By Briggs



## When A Young Man Is In Love

By HELEN ROWLAND.

MY daughter, I say unto thee, consider not that time wasteth in the love-dream! For a spring romance is the Spring of the soul.

Then, be merciful, when thou observest a youth with the Spring Love-Fever, for his feet stumble and his eyes are not, and his ways are strange and wonderful.

He walketh as one in a trance, and steepest out of the office window seeing visions.

He addresseth the office-boy as "dearest" and knoweth it not. He harangues his stenographer violently. He signeth a business letter "Yours devotedly." He calleth "Central Dear Heart."

He hauntheth the haberdashery and lingereth before shop-windows. He bringeth home much fine raincoat. Seven times each he ties his cravat, yet is NOT content.

He studyeth his profile in the mirror, and wondereth how long his hair will last. He smoothes his chin until it is sore.

His brusheth up on the point. He putteth aside his pipe, and buyeth a fancy cigar holder. He rehasheth the onion-said, and cannot be persuaded to eat his luncheon.

He forgetteth to eat his luncheon, and his breakfast goeth unshared; at dinner time he hath NO appetite.

He entereth a street car and rideth six blocks beyond his destination, before he awaketh from his coma.

He desireth his friends; and the club and the chaperon know him no more.

He cannot WAIT until the appointed hour to see his beloved, but is arrived and pacing the floor at half-past six. When he departeth from her he hasteneth straightway to the telephone, to say "Good-night" again.

Yet, when Autumn cometh, and he hath recovered from his amorous rheuma, thou canst safely smile at his folly.

And he will laugh with thee, right merrily, saying:

"Verily, verily, I WAS an ass—yes, an unmitigated Stump!"

But I say unto thee, say verily! For no man is wise, until he hath made a fool of himself over a woman, and no man is sane until he hath passed through Love's Desolations.

And no man findeth his own soul, until he hath lost his heart and his head several times.—Copyright, 1920, by The Wheeler Syndicate.

## Short Snatches From Everywhere

Well, time passes in the senate, if nothing else.—Nashville Tennessean.

Political parties are looking for a nonskid paramount issue.—Toledo Blade.

Attorney general Palmer will now tackle the high cost of running.—Columbia Record.

That well-known "cost of high living cost" gives no sign of being crystallized.—Columbia Record.

The match manufacturers have just about evaded the non-striking match.—Columbia Record.

Eventually we shall get the government back into the hands of the people, also.—Indianapolis Star.

If the Kaiser wants to avoid trial he should disguise himself as an American sugar prospector.—Cincinnati Post.

"Lord Orey's Right Saved by a Dentist." Evidently it was his eye-teeth that were affected.—Philadelphia Record.

A London newspaper says that "the world looks eagerly for every word made by Mr. Hoover." Meaning the world, perhaps.—Nashville Banner.

With Gov. Edwards's wet plank and Col. Bryan's wet blanket, the San Francisco convention may find a little hard to see the country on fire.—Arkansas Democrat.

Mr. Schwab says the United States is stronger financially than ever before. We don't know whether it is stronger or not, but certainly it is louder.—Kansas City Star.

## SCHOOL DAYS

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## Two Billions In Income Taxes Due The Government, Not Paid, To Be Collected

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

(This is the third and last of a series of articles telling what vast sums of money the government has recovered from persons who in past years did not pay enough income taxes.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Fully two billions of dollars that the congress of the United States directed should be obtained from the tax paying public may be recovered in the next 18 months from individuals and corporations who have failed to pay the correct amounts of their taxes. When it is considered that congress expected to raise six billions of dollars from all kinds of taxes annually, two billions is a tidy sum saved.

The collection is no easy matter and may take three years to gather together. But if it is recovered, the present generation can expect to be made lighter by just that much. Nobody can be absolutely certain that the government has disposed of its income tax return of 1917 unless he is confident it has been honestly made.

Four millions of persons, it is estimated, file income tax returns annually. This means about 12,000,000 returns for 1917 and 1918. But the government has a way of sifting them so that the big fellows are singled out first. Persons with small incomes and relatively small taxes can't be sure for another year or so that their 1917 tax returns were and are filed. But if they made a return that is on its face honestly intended, they need not worry.

The government investigators discovered that the return of a big corporation was improperly returned; in fact, something like \$10,000,000 taxes due the government were included. The government "had the goods" on the corporation and the latter paid the sum without protest. But corporations don't usually have large sums in bank available for emergencies like this. The government demanded what it considered a part payment of \$10,000,000. The firm in question went to its bank. The bank was in a position to make the loan, but it was a long time before the money was turned over. Yet the firm wanted first to be assured that the tax return of the same concern for 1917 was correct, and that the firm wouldn't be in hot water over its other income tax return later on. So the treasury department examined at once the 1918 return. The total amount of taxes for 1917 and 1918 was \$10,000,000 and a check for \$10,000,000 was handed over in part payment.

Innocent Sometimes Suffer But there have been some tragic cases in which the firms have in the meantime changed hands, the money has been spent or the dividends distributed. People who pay out but need not be careful nowadays that the income tax returns of the recent years are properly made.

The treasury department has a good deal of discretion about accepting voluntary payments on taxes not originally returned. But that is true and rule of course which there has been technical errors, cases in which corporations have plainly erred and where others have principal could not be proved. Even in these cases, the government collects not merely the taxes, but the interest that the government might have had if the money were in its vaults during the period of the delinquency.

Of course there is plenty of room for fraud even among employees of the government. But a special bureau of government agents is busy checking up on personnel. And in one conspicuous instance recently, a firm which had a bribe to a government agent discovered 10 minutes later that the latter had turned in copies of the attempted bribery to the United States attorney, and prosecution ensued.

Efficient Tax Forces The staff of the government is on the whole efficient. It is composed of men who are ambitious to make a record for themselves and to make the most of the experience. They get in the government service as statisticians, accountants, and income tax investigators, etc. In later life, statisticians are constantly comparing and auditing returns and classifying them according to districts, trades, businesses, professions and incomes. They make biennial and vertical classifications. Fully 36,000 returns are classified each day. Some are closed up more rapidly than others.

The table of just how much was recovered from each rate or business would make this thing reading, but it might give wrong impressions about the relative honesty of different occupations and cause no end of trouble in making the table. There is a surplus of about two billion dollars in prospect accruing from the years 1917, 1918 and 1919. The government finally collects that amount, the balance is reduced some time within the next five years. The more the taxpayers give the government now, however, the less every body will have to pay later on. Individual honesty never has meant so much collectively as it does today.—Copyright, 1920, by El Paso Herald.

## Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

Registered U. S. Patent Office. By K. C. H.

I AM visiting.  
WHERE OVR grandnephew lives.  
WHO is two years old.  
JUST FORTY-EIGHT hours.  
HAVE FELTED by.  
AND IN that time.  
THAT TWO-YEAR OLD.  
HAT NAILED me around.  
AND DRIVEN me.  
AND SOMETIMES coaxed.  
AND MADE me do.  
QUITE SILLY things.  
THAT HAVE soiled my clothing.  
AND MURDERED my hair.  
AND YERSED me out.  
UNTIL AT night.  
WHEN THEY bring him in.  
ALL DRESSED for bed.  
AND HE hugs me tight.  
AND KISSES me.  
AND SAYS "good-bye."  
WHICH is his "good night."  
I'M TRULY glad.  
THAT HE'S gone to bed.  
ALTHOUGH I know.  
THAT ALONG about six.  
AND IT'S still quite dark.  
AND MORNING comes.  
THAT HE'LL be there.  
AT THE side of my bed.  
AND WE'LL start in again.  
FOR ANOTHER day.  
WITH A slight respite.  
JUST AFTER lunch.  
WHEN HE eats his fill.  
AND is carried away.  
AND PUT to bed.  
AND STAYS in bed.  
TILL ALONG about three.  
AND HE'S in bed now.  
AS I write these lines.  
AND WHILE I'm here.  
I'LL DO my work.  
AT THIS same hour.  
FOR I know quite well.  
HE'D WANT to help.  
IF HE were up.  
AND ABOUT his mother.  
I MUST admit.  
THAT SHE seems quite pleased.  
THAT WE are here.  
AND MAYBE she loves us.  
BUT AS for me.

## A Line O' Cheer Each Day O' The Year

By JOHN KENDRICK BANGE.

CHEER UP.  
DON'T worry, friend, because it's a bright night.  
There's really nothing in it. The Sun is only out of sight. And he'll be back with lots of light in just a minute.  
He has his duty to do. The next day he'll be in a hurry. And he'll return to me and you with fresher days, and heavens bluer.

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The largest single dried fruit crop of the world is the current crop produced in western Greece.

## Abbe Martin



WE wonder how th' ole time hobo that wanted a dime for a bed is gettin' by. Miss Myrt Pash, who got married a week ago, has gone back to her ole face.

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## Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON.

## Convalescent

I'VE recovered from the flu, but I'm feeling weak and my nose and I like are blue, and my hinges grum and creak. Racked and broken down I am, and so long have I kerchooed that my priceless diaphragm from its moorings is unsewered, and my ribs are flapping loose; I have pains throughout my trunk, and I'm feeling like the deuce, if the deuce is feeling punk. Soon again I may be strong, but no cheerful thoughts I think; something else will come along that will put me on the blink. And the learned physician says, "You will soon be strong and hale," but he's talking through his tes and he ought to be in jail; for he knows diseases wait round the corner, just ahead, and they'll get me, soon or late, and they'll ride me till I'm dead. In this happy frame of mind are the victims of the flu, when these convalescents find that some years of life are due. They should dance around a heap, but they mourn a ghastly lot, as old Rachel used to weep for the children who were not. I am lying on my couch, singing songs of broken hearts, for I have the grisly grum that the doc-blamed flu imparts.

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